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Attached is our Response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 20, 2005 regarding the above-referenced patent application.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

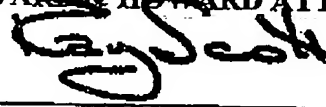
The following is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 20, 2005. In response to the Restriction Requirement, the Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the claims of Group I drawn to a fastener, namely Claims 1 to 21, reserving the right to file a divisional patent application including the claims of Group II.

This election is made *without traverse*. The applicant therefore authorizes the Examiner to cancel the claims of Group II, Claims 22 and 23, upon the allowance of this application including the claims of Group I.

Although it is believed that no fee is due for the filing of this Response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayments regarding this Response. Further and favorable reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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